

**CITY OF EDGEWOOD
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
November 20, 2006
6:30 PM**

CALL TO ORDER – Mayor Link called the meeting of the Edgewood City Council to order at 6:30 PM in the council chambers of the Edgewood City Building. The following council members were present: Mark Steffen, Bill Grady, Dale Henson, Nancy Atkinson, Scott Guenther, and Ray Spears. Also in attendance were City Attorney Linda Schaefer for Frank Wichmann, City Administrator Roger Rolfes and City Clerk Jeanette Kemper. Councilmember Jeff Schreiver was absent.

INVOCATION

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF AGENDA – Mr. Rolfes added Pocket Park Update under Unfinished Business.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – **November 6, 2006 Meeting Minutes** - Mr. Guenther made a **motion** to adopt the November 6, 2006 meeting minutes as written; seconded by Mr. Spears. Mrs. Atkinson abstained. **Motion passed: 5 ayes – 1 abstention.**

REPORTS/PRESENTATIONS

2005/2006 Audit presentation by VonLehman & Co. – Adam Davey, VonLehman & Co., presented the city's 2005/2006 audit. The city received a clean opinion of the financial statements and no recommendations. Mr. Spears asked if all payments were made on the building project. Mr. Rolfes stated that \$11,500 is still owed to Pilot; we just authorized a payment of \$7,000 to be made today. The situation with Cole + Russell Architects still has to be resolved. Mr. Spears stated that the fund balance had a 50% increase which is good for the city. He said that the property tax rate was recently increased because people felt we needed it but looking at the numbers some people who voted for it might not have if they had seen these numbers. He further stated we're in much better shape than we thought we were. Mr. Steffen thanked all departments for coming in under budget. Mr. Grady asked for a schedule of the city's designated capital outlay. Mayor Link said it's in the budget. Mr. Grady said we collected \$2.7 million from payroll taxes and \$1.7 million from property taxes and stated that it's remarkable how much we collect in payroll taxes.

Mr. Spears made a **motion** to accept the 2005/2006 audit as presented; second by Mrs. Atkinson. **Motion passed: 6 ayes – 0 nays.**

Mayor's Report – Mayor Link presented a brochure recently made for promoting the Freedom Park Trail; the brochure was a requirement for the grant. We're attempting to get a grant that will extend the trail to RC Hinsdale School. Mayor Link attended a community advisory board meeting for Healthsouth on November 7th. Gateway School broke ground for their new addition to their facility. They will have a glass bridge that will connect the old building with the new building. Attended the NKAPC annual fall meeting and the MGLNK meeting. Southgate Mayor Chuck Melville was selected as "outstanding official of the year".

Administrator's Report – Mr. Rolfes stated that in regards to the Dixie Fix our intersection of Dudley and Dixie was voted the #1 project out of approximately 30 projects. They are attempting to get funding through OKI for this project and the #2 project, which is Garvey and McAlpin in Erlanger. The estimate for our intersection is \$1.4 million. They are hoping to get 80% of it through federal funds then looking at the state for the remaining 20%. The city may be asked to contribute something. Mr. Rolfes commented in regards to the trail brochure stating that our new deputy clerk Sandy Cleveland put it together for us and she did a nice job with it. The pervious concrete demonstration was held this morning; it was well attended.

CITIZENS DESIRING RECOGNITION ON LEGISLATIVE MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Electronic message sign bids – Mr. Rolfes said bids were received and reviewed and he recommended rejecting all bids. We'll monitor the state contract-pricing program to see if this type of sign appears on it and if so we can address this at that time. Mr. Henson made a **motion** to reject all the bids received for the electronic message sign; second by Mr. Steffen. **Motion passed: 6 ayes – 0 nays.**

Pocket Park Update – Mr. Rolfes stated that the architect is recommending to go with a rectangular shaped gazebo that would be 12 ft x 20 ft. It would be easier for the Eagle Scout to build a rectangular gazebo rather than an octagon shaped gazebo. They also recommended going with a green metal roof to match the city building. A gazebo of this size, not including the metal roof, would be approximately \$8,000. \$5,000 was allocated for the project. There was discussion on the parking lot. It appears bigger than expected. Mr. Rolfes said it's one row deeper than he thought it would be. Mr. Grady said that's not a park but a parking lot and that's not what we promised people on the street. It'll have 14 parking spaces. Mr. Spears said he liked the matching green roof and Mr. Steffen said the size is good. Mr. Guenther would like for it to look as much like a gazebo as opposed to a shelter and he is comfortable with the size. Mayor Link said there will be railing and decorative scallops on the poles to give it the gazebo appearance. Seating will be wooden perimeter benches. The flooring may be concrete or pavers rather than wood due to maintenance. Mr. Steffen said he's worried that going with the green roof and that size will make it look like a shelter house; a gazebo is made of all wood. Mr. Grady said that size would overwhelm that little bit of greenery. Mr. Rolfes said we'd get figures for both and go from there.

NEW BUSINESS

None

ORDINANCES, MUNICIPAL ORDERS, AND RESOLUTIONS

Ordinance 2006-11-12 False Alarms – 1st reading – Ms. Schaeffer read the ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF EDGEWOOD, IN KENTON COUNTY, KENTUCKY, PROHIBITING MORE THAN TWO FALSE ALARMS IN ANY ONE

CALENDAR MONTH AND MORE THAN FIVE FALSE ALARMS IN ANY TWELVE MONTH PERIOD; AND PROVIDING BOTH CIVIL AND CRIMINAL PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS THEREOF.

Mr. Spears said in the heading “and” should be changed to “or”. Mr. Guenther suggested changing “calendar month” in section 2.0 to “30-day period” and in section 6.0 (A) strike out “calendar year” at the end of the listed offenses. The changes will be made for the second reading for the next council meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Executive Order 2006-03 was issued appointing Mark Steffen to the OKI Regional Board for 2007.
- Tree Lighting will be November 26th at the Senior Center from 5:30 – 7:00 p.m. festivities will include the chili cook-off and pictures with Santa.
- Letters to Santa can be dropped off at the city building from December 1st through the 13th.

ADJOURNMENT

Mrs. Atkinson made a **motion** to adjourn at 7:30 p.m.; seconded by Mr. Grady. **Motion passed: 6 ayes – 0 nays.**

Mayor John D. Link

Attest: _____
Jeanette Kemper, City Clerk

Date passed: _____